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For. **CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM WITH ENHANCED ENCRYPTION FUNCTION AND CIPHER KEY FOR DATA ENCRYPTION STANDARD**

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

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A request for Approval of Drawing Corrections is attached with corrected Figs. 1-8.

Approval of the corrections to Figs. 1-8 are requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please ~~AMEND~~ the third paragraph beginning on page 12, line 9 to read as follows:

The present invention utilizes the basic structure of DES with a modification to the fixed permutation applied after the S boxes in the f function of traditional DES. Said modification enables

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